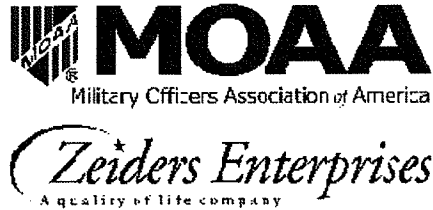


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**“What Do Warriors-Families Say They Need From Government to Enhance Their Well-Being and Psychological Health?”**

**Program Agenda**

Tuesday, May 3, 2011, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology  
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*Moderator*

**DAVID G. BROWN, Psy.D.**

Clinical Psychologist Recovery Care Support Program Manager, Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE), Resilience and Prevention Directorate

He completed his residency training at the Department of Psychiatry at Tripler Army Medical Center, completed postdoctoral training in Mind Body Medicine from Harvard Medical School, and is a graduate of Organizational Leadership for Executives from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Prior to joining DCoE, he was the Lead Psychologist over seven bases in Bavaria for a population of 41,779 beneficiaries on a constant cycle of deployments. Dr. Brown is a combat veteran and was a frequent guest on Armed Forces Networks television and radio in Japan, India, and Germany for a range of psychological topics. He was showcased on ABC News for his work with wounded veterans and is the recipient of numerous US and foreign metals, military citations, and awards.

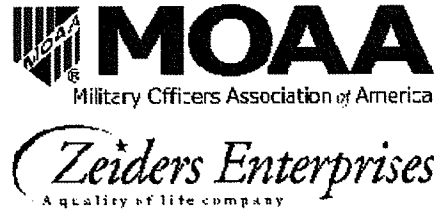
**MR. JEREMY HILTON**

Veteran and Military Spouse

I am a Navy vet, Air Force spouse, and stay at home dad to two, Kate (8) and Jackson (1). My daughter, Kate, was born with severe hydrocephalus and a host of other secondary effects. I separated from the Navy to take care of her and it's been my second "career". As I'm certain many of you can relate, in situations like these, you become a full time case manager, with major surgeries, literally thousands of hours of therapy, and meds where you wonder if the neurologist is throwing darts at a dart board to decide which ones to prescribe.

Myself and a number of other military parents in similar situations have been pushing for more comprehensive approaches to care for both our kids and our families as a whole. We've had some success but continue to push hard for appropriate help. It's been interesting, sometimes ironic, but not terribly unexpected to me the similarities between the issues some of our wounded warriors and their families face and our particular families.

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**SGT LOYD SAWYER (USA-RET.) AND ANDREA SAWYER**  
Wounded Warrior/Veteran and Caregiver/Military Spouse

Sgt Sawyer, a mortuary specialist, served six months working the morgue at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware and another six months at the Joint Base Balad, Iraq. He has since been medically retired from the Army, suffering from PTSD.

Andrea Sawyer is a caregiver to her husband. They currently live in Colonial Heights, Virginia, with their two sons. Andrea graduated from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. She holds a B.A. in history from Meredith College. Andrea holds her National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification. She has taught high school and middle school history for thirteen years. Andrea became an advocate for warriors while helping her husband seek treatment for illnesses and injuries sustained from his service in Iraq. She has participated in the Department of Defense Wounded Warrior Best Practices symposium at the Pentagon in 2008, the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program, the Wounded Warrior Project Caregiver Summit in 2009, which lobbied for caregiver legislation on Capitol Hill, and in Wounded Warrior Project's Warrior Empowerment Summit. Andrea and her husband are subjects in the series "Living with PTSD," commissioned by the Military Times papers to educate the public about the signs, symptoms, and treatment for veterans with chronic and severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Here to share her story with us today, please help me welcome Ms. Andrea Sawyer.

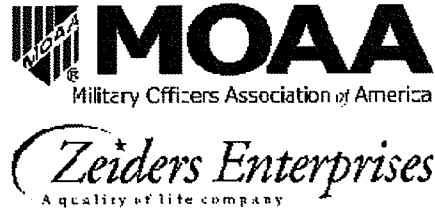
**PATRICIA M. BARRON, BSN, M.A.**  
Assistant Director, Military Projects  
ZERO TO THREE

MS Barron joined the staff at ZERO TO THREE in June 2010. She is currently the Assistant Director, Military Projects and in this capacity supports the activities of Military Projects providing management and oversight to project staff, assisting with establishment and maintenance of relationships with partners, and contributing to the development and sustainability of the work.

Before joining the staff at ZERO TO THREE Ms. Barron served as the Director, Youth Initiatives at the National Military Family Association. In this position, Ms. Barron served as the subject matter expert on children's mental health and deployment issues and collaborated with other organizations, programs, and initiatives dealing with issues affecting military children. She oversaw the Association's programs and initiatives dealing with children and youth, such as the *Operation Purple* camps, for children of deployed service members.

Ms. Barron has served on the ZERO TO THREE "Coming Together Around Military Children" Advisory Board, the Sesame Workshop "Talk Listen, Connect; Phase Two" Advisory Panel and is currently serving on the Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS) Advisory Group, and the National Children's Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) Advisory Group.

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Ms. Barron earned a BSN from the University of San Francisco (Nursing) in 1980 and a Master of Science (Community Counseling) from Long Island University in 1992.

**SHERRI L. BROWN**

Senior Vice President, Service to the Armed Forces, American Red Cross

Sherri L. Brown joined the American Red Cross as Senior Vice President for Service to the Armed Forces on August 18, 2008. In this role, she provides oversight and direction for worldwide American Red Cross programs and services for military members, veterans and their families.

Prior to assuming her position at the American Red Cross, Sherri served with the Internal Revenue Service, most recently as Deputy Chief of Staff. She began her career as an active duty officer in the United States Coast Guard, with assignments at Coast Guard Headquarters, Marine Safety Office/Group Philadelphia, Office of Military Justice/Physical Disability Evaluation System, Coast Guard Legal and Defense Services, Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Atlantic, Maintenance and Logistics Center Atlantic, and the Fifth Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia. In the summer of 2010, Sherri served a two-month active duty assignment in External Affairs for the Deepwater Horizon BP Oil Spill Response in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sherri has a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation from the United States Merchant Marine Academy and a Juris Doctorate degree from the George Washington University Law School.

**PAMELA STOKES EGGLESTON**

Director of Development for Blue Star Families

Pamela Stokes Eggleston serves as the Director of Development for Blue Star Families and as a subject matter expert for the National Resource Directory. As a Purple Heart spouse, she is a passionate advocate for wounded soldiers and veterans. Due in part to her husband's service to this nation, his subsequent incurred injuries during OIF, and his time at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, she strives to transform the traditional ways of thinking about the military and its families.

Pamela has broad experience in the criminal justice, social policy, and public policy fields. She has served as a consultant, peer reviewer, and grant reviewer and has served as an advisor on Congress-supported publications revolving around criminal justice, substance abuse, and mental health issues.

Pamela Stokes Eggleston is the Immediate Past President of the UMUC Alumni Association; she has both an MS and MBA in management from UMUC. She is also a member of the National Military Spouse Network, Ladies Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the National Black MBA Association.

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**BARBARA COHOON**

Deputy Director, Government Relations  
National Military Family Association

Dr. Cohoon was hired as Deputy Director of Government Relations for the National Military Family Association (NMFA) in July 2006. In that position, she monitors issues relevant to the quality of life of families of the uniformed services and represents the Association at Congressional hearings, presentations, and other meetings. Dr. Cohoon currently serves on The Military Coalition's Veterans Affairs and Health Care Committees. She is considered an expert on health care issues affecting military service members, retirees, and family members. She was appointed by the White House as a member of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel and the DoD's Defense Health Board's Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Subcommittee, TBI Family Caregivers Panel, and the Health Care Delivery Subcommittee. Her decisions directly contribute to sustaining military service members, retirees, and their families' quality of life and her expertise is used to develop resource materials for TBI caregivers.

Dr. Cohoon was originally from Andover, Massachusetts. She received a Diploma of Nursing from Lowell General Hospital, an AA in Nursing from San Diego City College, a Masters of Science in Nursing and a Doctorate in Philosophy from the College of Health and Human Services with a concentration in health policy from George Mason University. She has nursing experience in both military and civilian health care facilities. She is a member of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, and Health Care Compliance Association. She has been published in peer reviewed health care journals.

Dr. Cohoon has been a Navy submariner's spouse for over 28 years which included 19 moves. She has been active in military spouses' clubs, various fundraisers, in the development and implementation of the first Joint Women's' Conference for military spouses in Hawaii and an active mentor for the Command Spouses Leadership Course (CSLC). She has completed both the Ombudsman and Advanced Ombudsman Training courses. She was an Executive Advisor for Fleet and Family Service Center, American Red Cross, Navy Relief Society, Kings Bay Naval Base Medical Clinic and various fundraising events from 2002 – 2004. She worked as a volunteer for the CNO directed Task Force Navy Family for Hurricane Katrina evacuees. She is a member of the Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, DC, the National Military Family Association, and a lifetime member of the Navy League. She has two boys. One is a graduate of Lynchburg College in History and the other from Georgia Tech. She currently resides in Old Town Alexandria, VA where she and her husband have renovated a 115+ year old home.